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if you go and give them another \$100,000, the bid will be \$100,000 more.

SENATOR CLARK: I would assume that is true. However, these are the bids that are already in, in the first place, and this is not \$100,000 more. What this is is about \$40,000, is about \$50,000 more just to cover the bid that is on there. Now according to the electrical tower people, they have to use a certain type of tower.

SENATOR KEYES: Okay, Senator Clark, what you do is just let the thing set like it is and if they can't get the bid come back next year and I will vote to give you a deficiency appropriation but I won't vote to give money to a contractor before the contract is consummated.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Keyes, I am not running for Lieutenant Governor, but if I were, I think I would like to have those 90,000 people listening to me out there and that is the only way they are ever going to get it is with this tower.

SENATOR KEYES: I hope they are on ETV and see that I am on the side that is trying to save some money from some contractor that will bid to the top of the money that we appropriate.

SENATOR CLARK: I think you have the privilege of voting against it, if you wish, but I would ask to have it brought back for this specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, is this the proper time to discuss the proposal a little better or should we wait till later when we get it back? Okay, I will go ahead. Senator Clark, a couple of questions in the area of the proposal of rebuilding the tower. As you know, we have asked previously what caused the one to blow down that was damaged?

SENATOR CLARK: I do have some pictures of what caused it to go down and I would hate to have anyone tell me that the ice made it go down. It did not. Probably the action of the ice previous to this along with the failure of the metal, one of the U bolts broke loose, and I have got pictures of it here if anyone would like to see it. I have got a picture of the tower in its condition. What happened when the U bolts come up like this, they are not straight U up here, they are open this way and they are connected in the middle. This one half of the U bolt broke loose, started back up through the pulley and the only thing that kept the tower from going down at that time was one nut that happened to be jammed where it was coming through. When that nut broke loose, that is when the tower went down but it is a failure of the metal they feel at this time, the fatiguing of the metal. Now they have found out from the people that they asked, the engineers, that they had a hairline crack in the big nut that goes on there. There is about three...bolt that goes on there is threaded. It is about three inches thick. They had a hairline crack in there. They also had some strands broken loose in the second guy wire. The one that broke loose was the top guy wire. If the second one would have

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